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SUBJ: POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

1. OPORTO REACTED TO EVENTS IN LISBON WITH LEFTIST ATTEMPT LATE AFTERNOON NOV 13 TO ORGANIZE DEMONSTRATION AMONG WORKERS IN SUPPORT OF STRIKING CONSTRUCTION UNION. DEMONSTRATION FIZZLED.

2. RALLY OF SEVERAL THOUSAND LATER FORMED IN FRONT OF NORTHERN MILITARY COMMAND (RMN) HEADQUARTERS IN SUPPORT OF VI GOVERNMENT. FLAGS FROM ALL FOUR DEMOCRATIC PARTIES (PS, PPD, CDS AND PPM) WERE IN EVIDENCE BUT GREATEST NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS WERE SOCIALISTS (PS) AND POPULAR DEMOCRATS (PPD). DEMONSTRATORS CALLED ON RMN COMMANDER VELOSO TO "DEFEND YOUR PEOPLE".

3. DURING THE NIGHT, REMNANTS FROM RALLY TOGETHER WITH OTHER ELEMENTS ATTACKED AND TRASHED OPORTO INTERSINDICAL OFFICE. INTERSINDICAL MEMBERS TRADED SHOTS WITH ASSAILANTS BEFORE BEING ROUTED. FIVE PERSONS REPORTEDLY WOUNDED.

4. THERE WAS ALSO TWO-HOUR EXCHANGE OF GUNFIRE, LEAVING ONE
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PERSON WOUNDED, EARLY MORNING NOV 14 AT OPORTO INSTALLATION OF

RADIO CLUB PORTUGUESE. ATTACKERS USED GARDEN OF GERMAN CONSUL DURING VAIN ASSAULT AND IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS PPD MEMBERS. POLICE AND MILITARY UNITS RESTORED ORDER AND ATTACKERS LEFT AFTER HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT THAT RADIO CLUB WOULD CONVENE A MEETING TODAY TO DISCUSS BREAKING LINK WITH MAIN RADIO CLUB OFFICE IN LISBON. ALL INDICATIONS ARE THAT RADIO CLUB PORTUGUESE IN OPORTO WILL GO INDEPENDENT. PENNER

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